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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, ENRG, EG, IS

SUBJECT: ISRAELI GUNBOAT MOLESTS AMOCO VESSEL

REF: (A) STATE 197042, (B) TEL AVIV 5451, (C) CAIRO 8247

1. AMOCO REPS BROUGHT LOGBOOK OF DEUTCHE TIDE TO EMBASSY AUG. 23, FOR EXAMINATION OF ENTRIES RELATED TO HARRASSMENT INCIDENT OF AUGUST 17. PERTINENT PORTION, PRECEDED BY SERIES OF SHORT REFERENCES TO MOVEMENT FROM ONE POINT TO ANOTHER, IS AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN QUOTE: AT 0940 UNDERWAY TO LOCATION GS-328-1 - AN ISRAELI GUNBOAT CAME ALONG SIDE AND TOLD ME WE WERE IN ISRAELI WATERS. ISRAELI ASKED TO SEE SHIPS PAPER AND LOG BOOK - THEY WERE RETURNED AND WAS TOLD DROP MARKER BUOY. AT 2300 I RETURNED TO LOCATION GS-328-1 TO STAND BY FOR RIG SHILOH. AT 2345 SAME ISRAELI GUN BOAT ARRIVED AND WERE VERY HOSTILE AND WAS TOLD TO LEAVE THE AREA AND NOT TO RETURN TO THIS AREA OR ANY OTHER BOAT, NEXT TIME THEY WILL

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SHOOT? END QUOTE

2. REPS STATED THAT REQUEST FOR US FLAG, ALTHOUGH NOT MENTIONED IN LOG, WAS ACTUALLY MADE. CAPTAIN DID NOT INCLUDE IT IN ENTRY FOR REASONS THAT ARE NOT CLEAR.

3. PENDING RESOLUTION OF ISSUE, AMOCO IS DIVERTING ITS DRILLING VESSELS TO LOW PRIORITY LOCATION NORTH-WEST OF AREA WHERE INCIDENT OCCURRED, WHICH IS OF FAR LESS INTEREST AND WOULD HAVE NORMALLY BEEN DREILLED ONLY AFTER MORE PROMISING STRUCTURES HAD ALREADY BEEN EXPLORED. COMPANY SAYS THAT IT THEREFORE STANDS TO LOSE EVEN GREATER SUM THAN \$40,000 PER DAY FOR IDLE DRILLING SHIPS IF, AS ANTICIPATED, DRY HOLE RESULTS FROM MAKE-WORK EFFORT.

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